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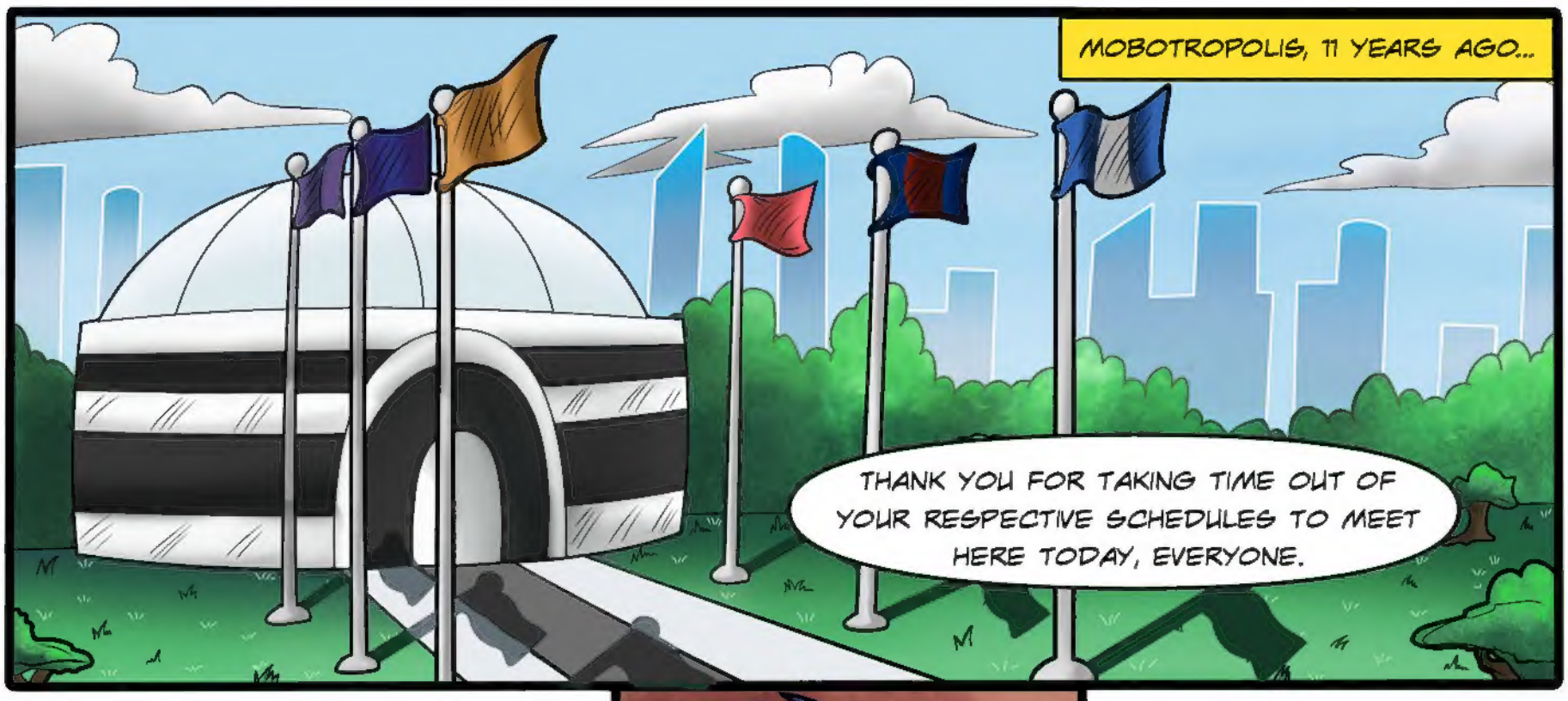

MOBOTROPOLIS, 11 YEARS AGO...
THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR RESPECTIVE SCHEDULES TO MEET HERE TODAY, EVERYONE.

DELPHI:
ISLE DIANA

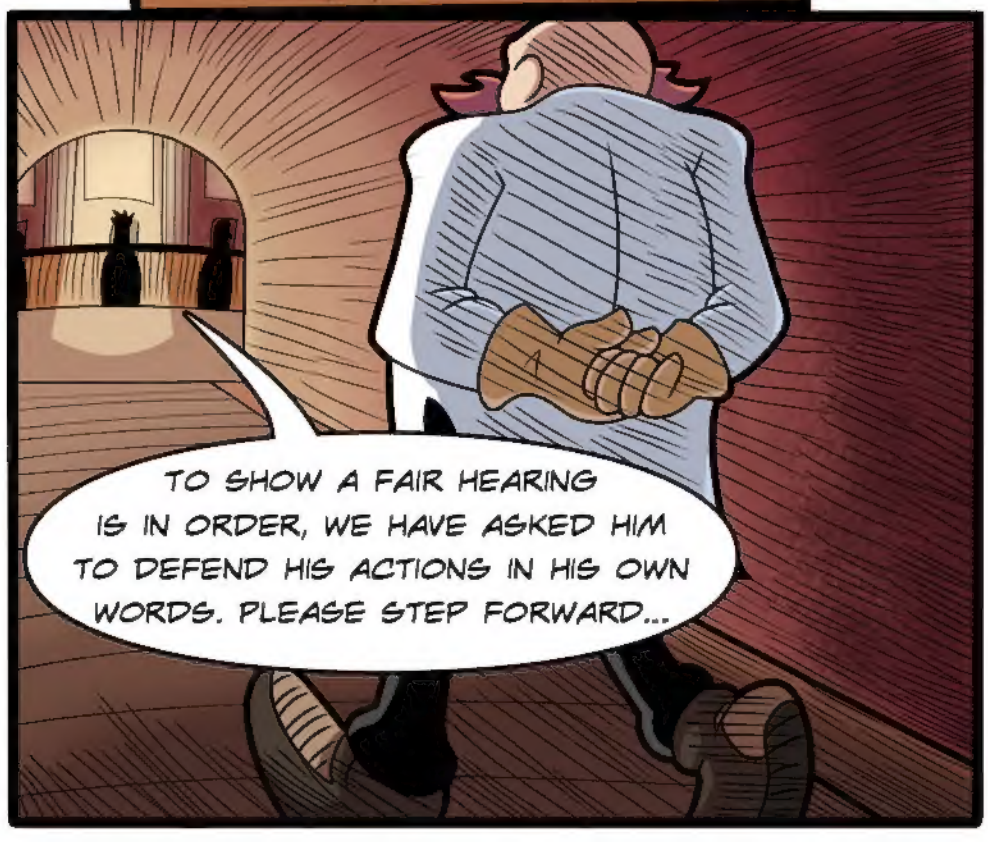
LEVANT VOTUM:
DUKE OF SOLEANNA

CHARLES HEDGEHOG:
SPONSOR, MTI
PROFESSOR

CHIEF SHOBA:
GAIA TEMPLE GUARDIAN

RICHARD STARFORD:
UNITED FEDERATION
PRESIDENT

THIS COUNCIL HAS BEEN CALLED TO DISCUSS THE RECENT ACTIVITIES OF ONE OF THE PLANET'S MOST ESTEEMED AND RENOWNED CITIZENS.


TO SHOW A FAIR HEARING IS IN ORDER, WE HAVE ASKED HIM TO DEFEND HIS ACTIONS IN HIS OWN WORDS. PLEASE STEP FORWARD...

...DR. IVO ROBOTNIK.
THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY.
DESCENSION
STORY: TIME8TH
PENCILS: SEASALT
WRITERS: TIME8TH
INKS: RED RABBIT, SWEETSHADOW,
INKS (CONT.): URSINETIMES, VEELOOPZ, VINTAGE JAPES
COLORS: ENIGMA, KITSUNEKITTENZ, MRZERO101, NOWY, URSINETIMES, VANESSASONICA, VEELOOPZ
LETTERS: CELESTORION
EDITORS: CLOVERLEAF PALETTE, COLORMEREAL, ENIGMA, NINEBREAKER, SWEETSHADOW, VEELOOPZ
SPECIAL THANKS: CELESTORION, KERBARU, SONICWINDATTACK
MEMBERS OF THE MOBIUS COUNCIL. I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF BREAKING INTO ONE OF OUR SACRED TEMPLES.
WHILE I HAVE TECHNICALLY NOT COMMITTED THIS CRIME, I'M NOT TRYING TO HIDE FROM THIS. AND IF YOU'LL PERMIT ME, I SHALL EXPLAIN HOW THIS CAME ABOUT.

BRIDGE ZONE, A FEW DAYS AGO...

WIND STRESS LEVELS NOMINAL, TURBINES CHARGING, ENERGY LEVELS... 8.3 PERCENT ABOVE AVERAGE! IT'S WORKING!

WELL OF COURSE IT'S WORKING. YOU BUILT THE DARN THING.

CHARLES! YOU MADE IT!

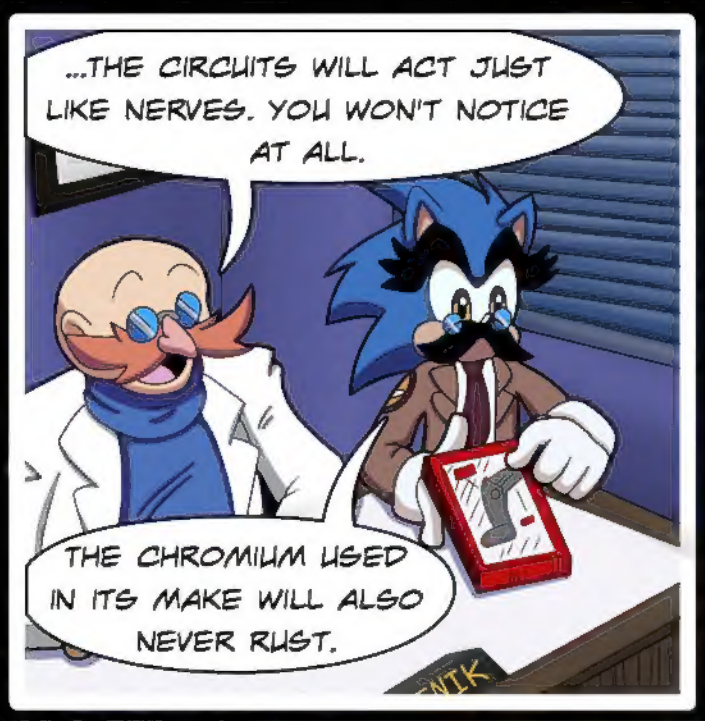
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO CALL ME CHUCK?

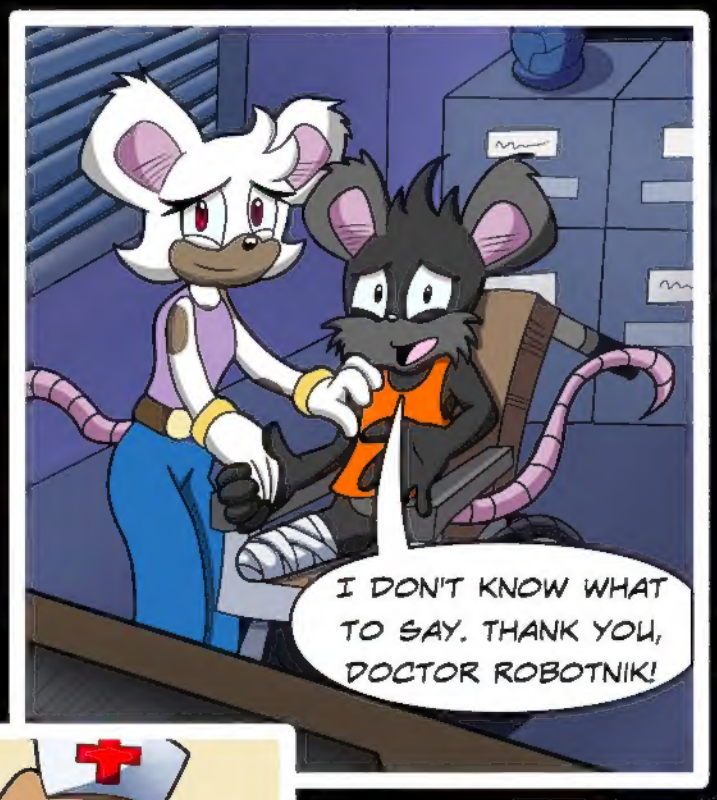
I'M JUST SO EXCITED! THIS IS THE START OF SOMETHING GREATER, I CAN FEEL IT!

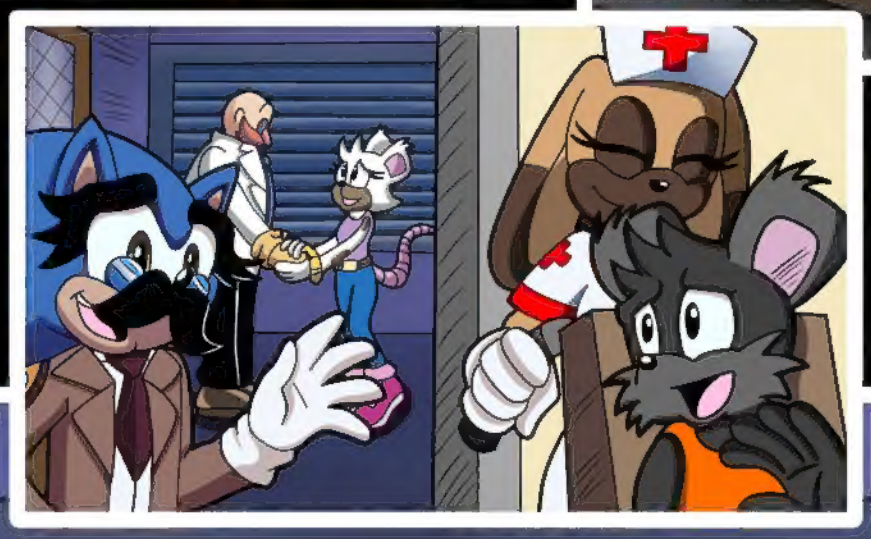
YOU'VE REALLY MADE A DIFFERENCE HERE, IVO. THE CITIES WILL HAVE CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY.

WELL, LET'S GRAB LUNCH. BUT PLEASE, HAVE SOMETHING OTHER THAN EGG SANDWICHES?

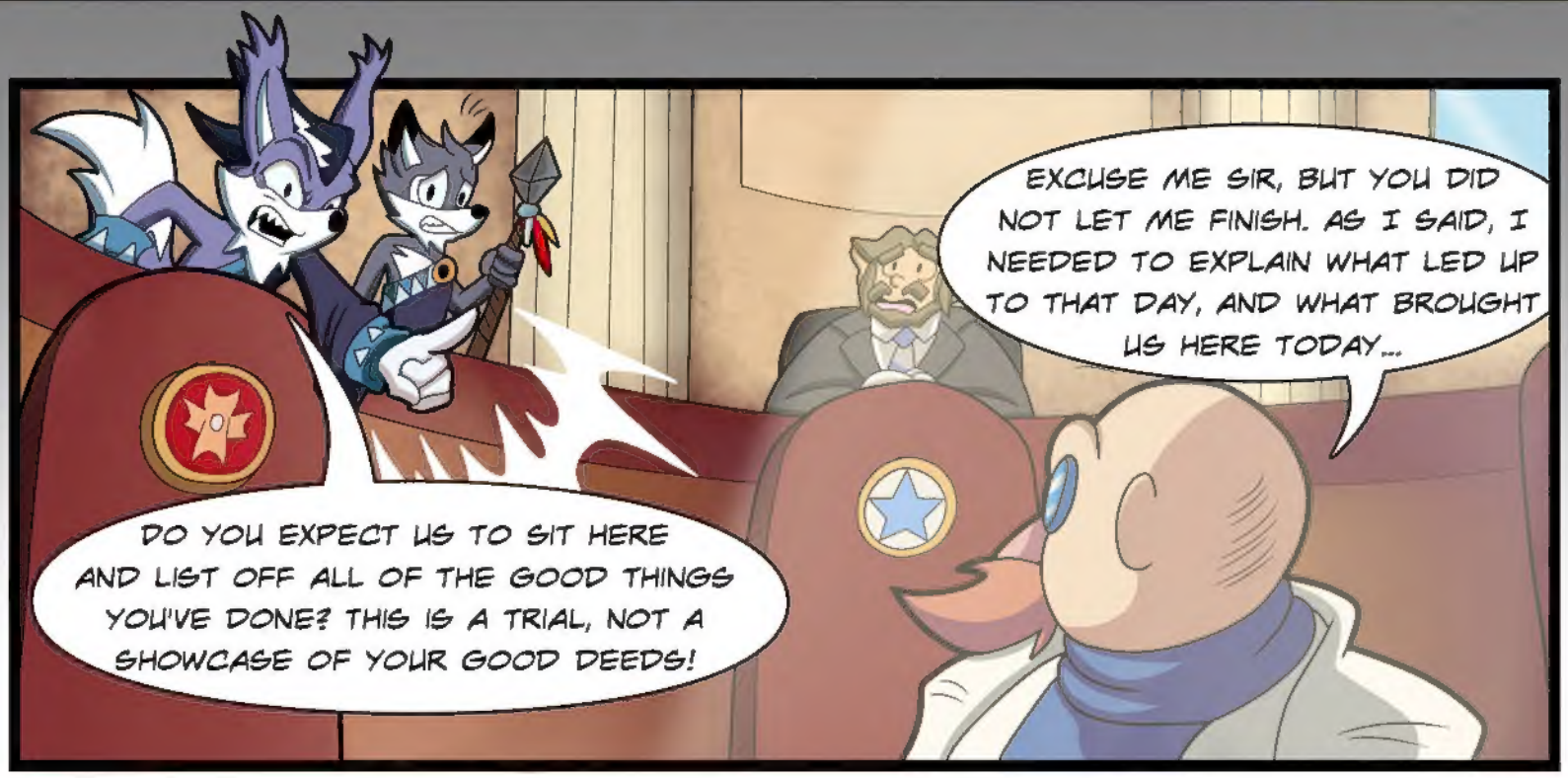
ONLY IF YOU ORDER SOMETHING OTHER THAN CHILI DOGS.


...THE CIRCUITS WILL ACT JUST LIKE NERVES. YOU WON'T NOTICE AT ALL.
THE CHROMIUM USED IN ITS MAKE WILL ALSO NEVER RUST.


I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. THANK YOU, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CASE. IT'S REFRESHING TO SEE THEM SMILE FOR A CHANGE.
I CAN'T TAKE ALL OF THE CREDIT. YOU WERE A BIG HELP IN DRAWING UP THE BLUEPRINTS.
...THIS IS ASININE!


EXCUSE ME SIR, BUT YOU DID NOT LET ME FINISH. AS I SAID, I NEEDED TO EXPLAIN WHAT LED UP TO THAT DAY, AND WHAT BROUGHT US HERE TODAY...
DO YOU EXPECT US TO SIT HERE AND LIST OFF ALL OF THE GOOD THINGS YOU'VE DONE? THIS IS A TRIAL, NOT A SHOWCASE OF YOUR GOOD DEEDS!

...WAS A VERY SICK LITTLE GIRL.
WE HAD TO MOVE AWAY, YOU SEE. THE AIR IS SO MUCH CLEANER HERE. IT WAS BETTER FOR OUR LITTLE GIRL, AND SHE..
NIDS IS COMPLICATED AND ROUGH. WE CAN MAKE HER COMFORTABLE.
WE KNOW, WE JUST WANTED TO GIVE HER A CHANCE TO SEE THE OUTSIDE WORLD BEFORE...
...WE WERE TOLD THAT, YES, WE DIDN'T WANT HER TO SUFFER.
...
OF COURSE, WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN. I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT MUCH.
?!
YOU KNOW, DURING ALL OF THIS FUSS, I DON'T THINK I EVER CAUGHT YOUR NAME, MISS?...

NICOLE.
HELLO THERE, NICOLE. MY NAME IS IVO. TELL ME, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO?

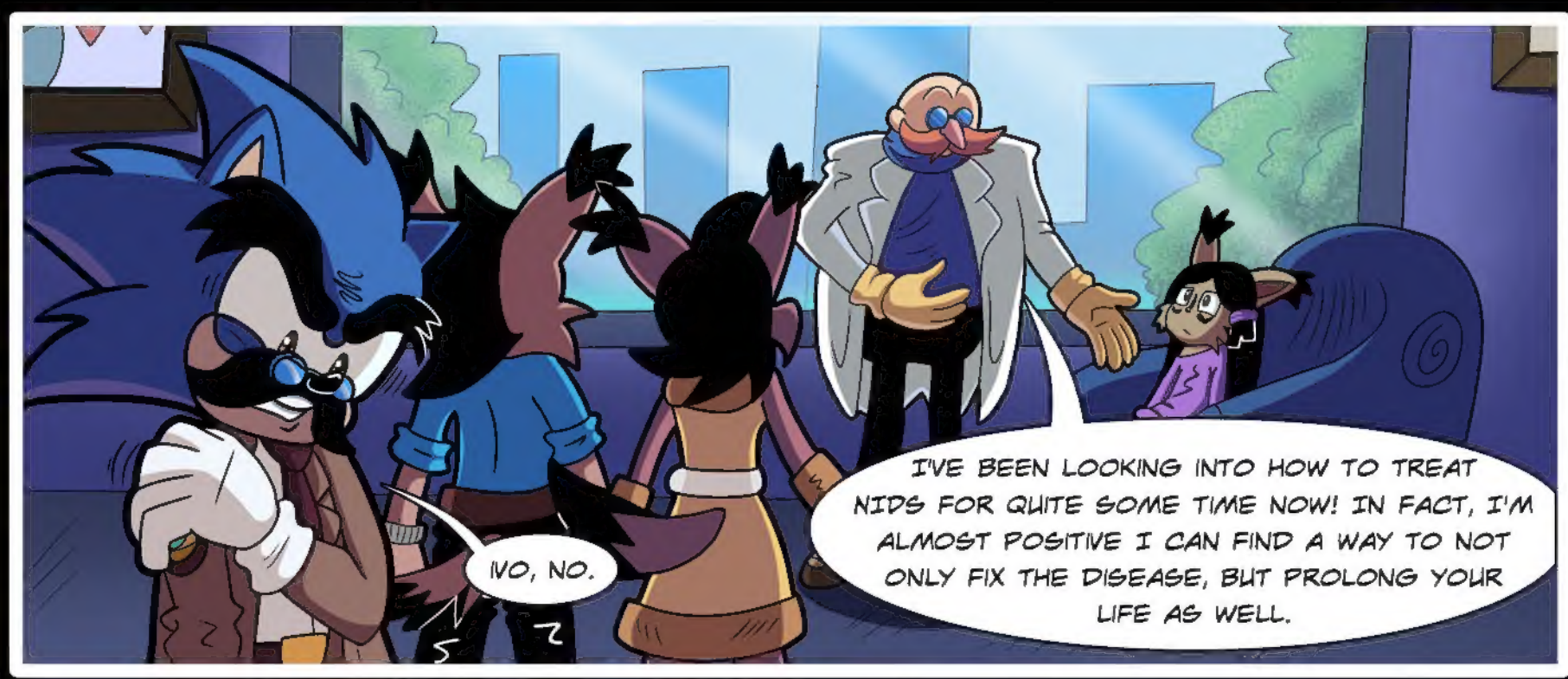
I WANNA GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY BUT I CAN'T. I GET SICK EVERY TIME...

IT'S NOT THAT WE DON'T WANT YOU TO PLAY--
W-WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE YOU HAPPY BEFORE...

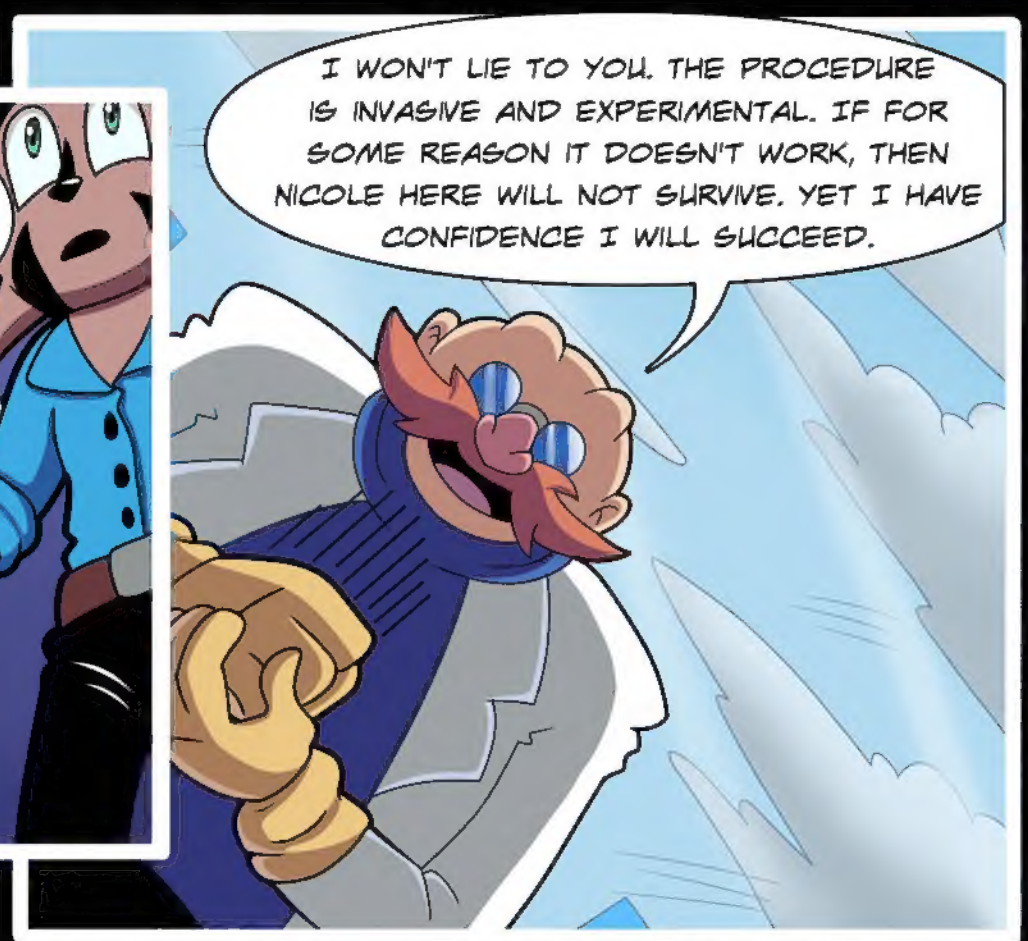
WELL, WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT I COULD HELP YOU TO GET WELL AGAIN?

WAIT, WHAT?

IVO?

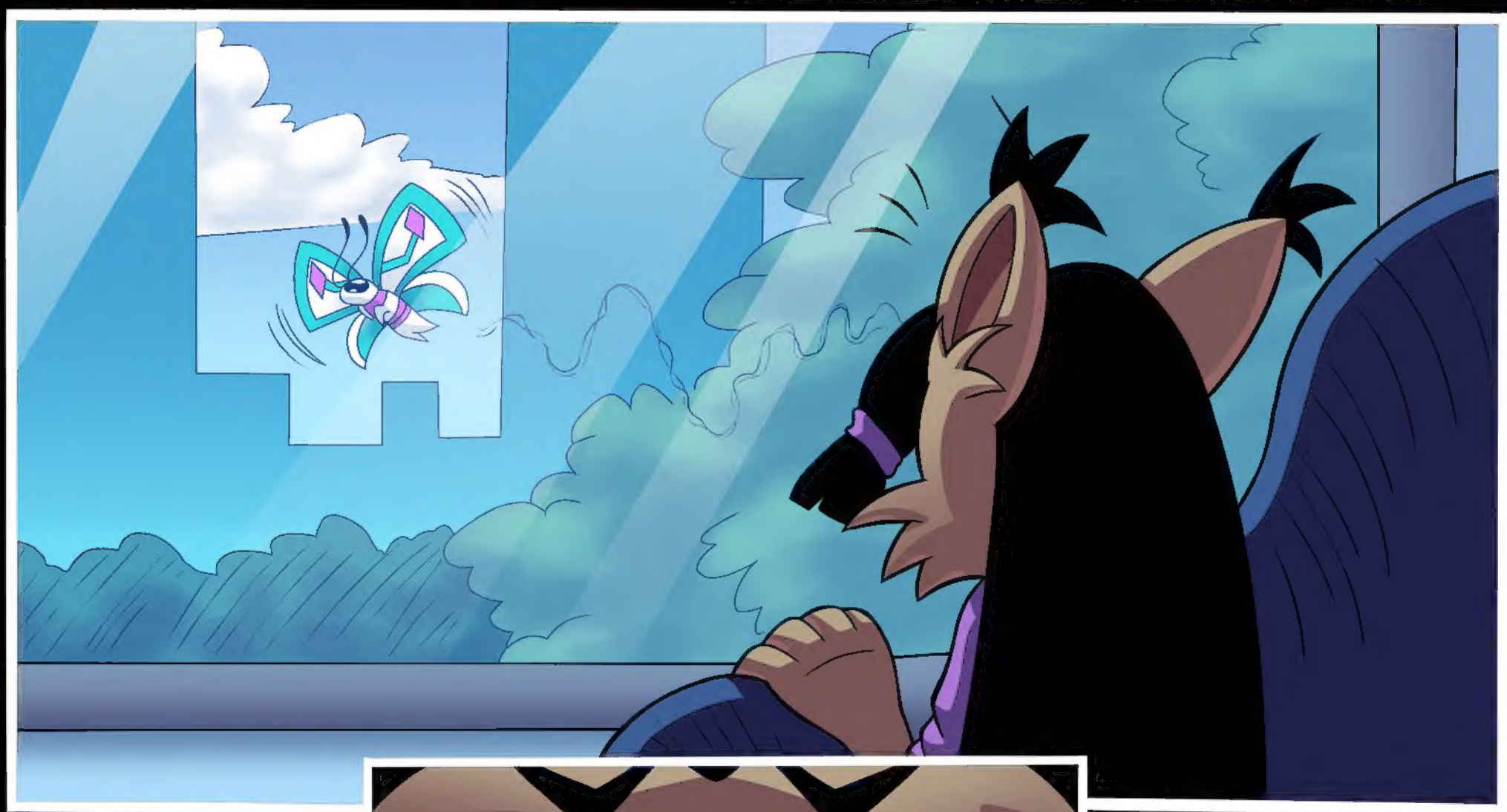

IVO, NO.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING INTO HOW TO TREAT NIDS FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW! IN FACT, I'M ALMOST POSITIVE I CAN FIND A WAY TO NOT ONLY FIX THE DISEASE, BUT PROLONG YOUR LIFE AS WELL.

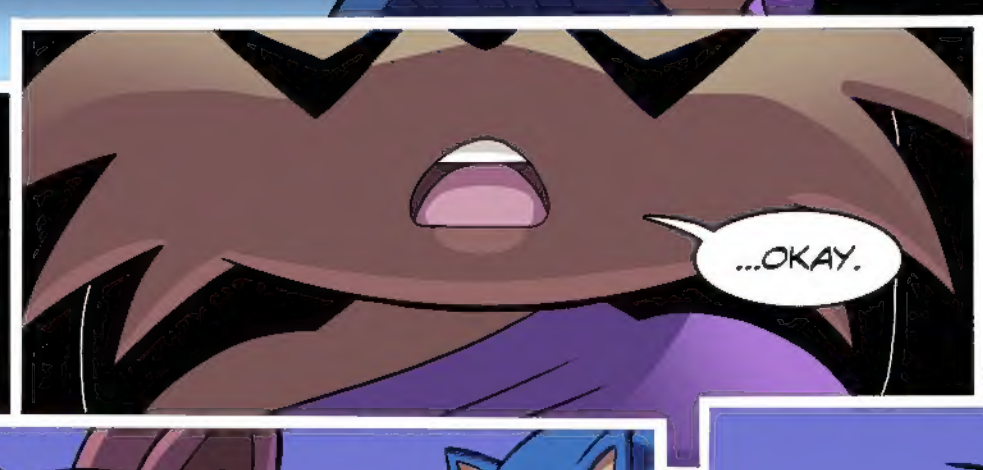
BUT, WE'VE BEEN TO EVERY DOCTOR WE CAN FIND. HOW CAN YOU CURE SOMETHING THAT'S INCURABLE?...
PLEASE!


I WON'T LIE TO YOU. THE PROCEDURE IS INVASIVE AND EXPERIMENTAL. IF FOR SOME REASON IT DOESN'T WORK, THEN NICOLE HERE WILL NOT SURVIVE. YET I HAVE CONFIDENCE I WILL SUCCEED.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IF WE SAY NO, WE BOTH KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN. AND WE'VE MADE PEACE WITH THAT.
I KNOW. BUT GIVEN THE CHANCE...

BUT THERE ISN'T A CURE FOR NIDS! NICOLE NEEDS TO BE COMFORT-ED, NOT--
BUT IF THERE'S EVEN A TINY CHANCE IT'LL WORK...!
AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S NICOLE'S CHOICE. SHE'S THE ONE THAT HAS TO GO THROUGH THE PROCEDURE, ONLY SHE CAN REALLY DECIDE.
Dr.Wily
Dr.Who
Dr.Phil
I CAN CHOOSE?
OF COURSE, MY DEAR.




...OKAY.

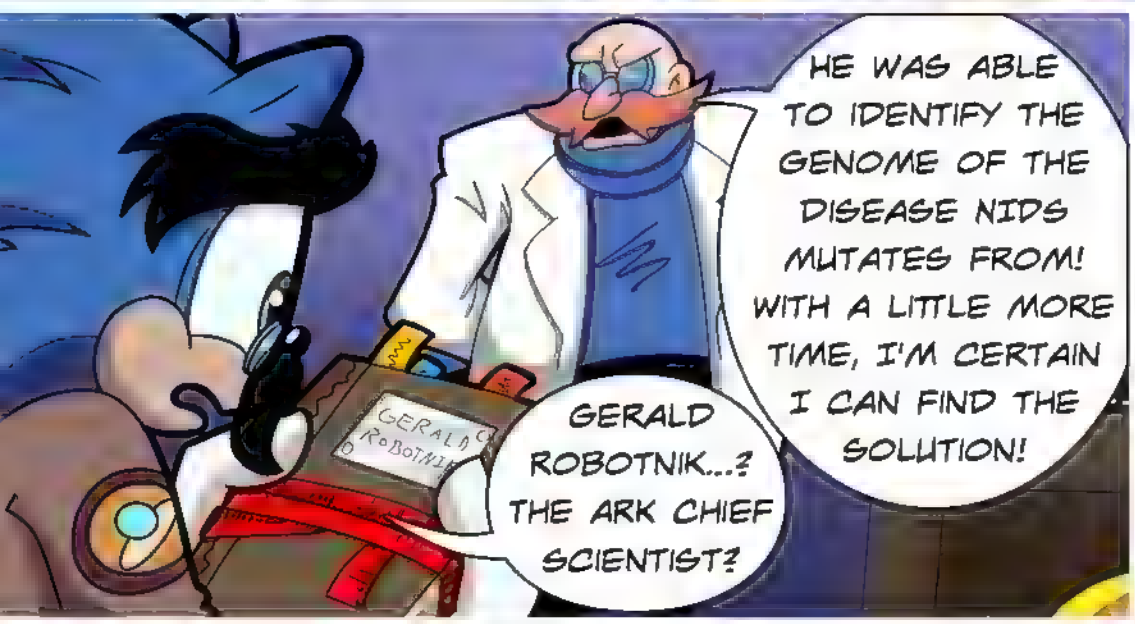
SWEETHEART, ARE YOU SURE?
YES MOM, I'M SURE.

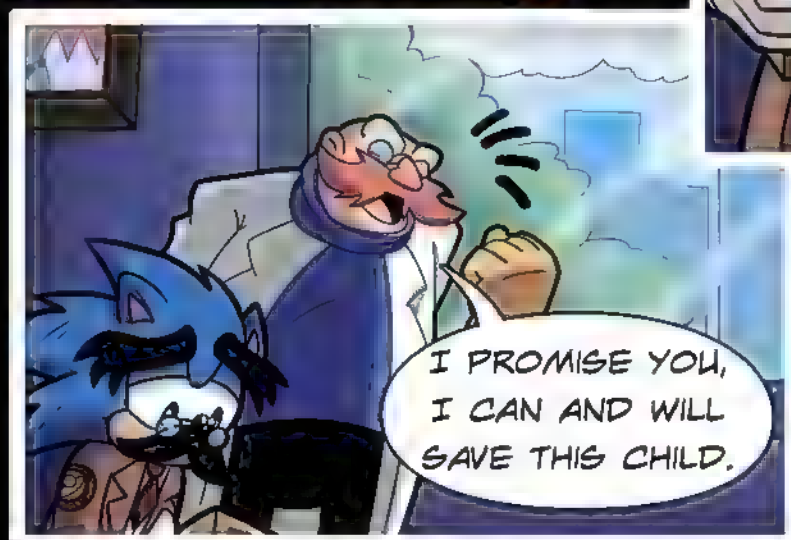
SPLENDID! WHEN I'M CERTAIN THE PROCEDURE IS READY, YOU CAN EXPECT A PHONE CALL.

YOUR OFFICE - NOW!

LATER...
DR. I ROBOTNIK

HOW COULD YOU GET THEIR HOPES UP LIKE THAT?!
I-I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH MY GRANDFATHERS NOTES! BEFORE THE ACCIDENT, HE WAS ON THE VERGE OF MULTIPLE MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS, ONE OF WHICH WAS A CURE FOR NIDS!


HE WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE GENOME OF THE DISEASE NIDS MUTATES FROM! WITH A LITTLE MORE TIME, I'M CERTAIN I CAN FIND THE SOLUTION!
GERALD ROBOTNIK...? THE ARK CHIEF SCIENTIST?


I PROMISE YOU, I CAN AND WILL SAVE THIS CHILD.

AN ACTUAL CURE FOR NIDS...?

THAT WAS THE PLAN, YES. BUT...

BUT WHAT, DOCTOR?

IF I COULD EVEN HAVE A FEW MINU-

I CANNOT.

THE GAIA TEMPLE, A FEW DAYS AGO...

ALL I NEED ARE A FEW SCANS OF THE OBJEC-

CHAOS EMERALD!

YES, CHAOS EMERALD. JUST A FEW SCANS OF IT WILL AID ME IN FINDING-

YOU MUST ACQUIRE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT.

I WILL BE BACK!

THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

THIS IS ANOTHER BLATANT ATTEMPT TO BRUSH OFF THE CRIMES WE ALL KNOW HE HAS COMMITTED! HOW CAN HE BE ALLOWED TO EVEN TALK AFTER ALL OF THIS?

THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THAT PILGRIMS AND ADVENTURERS HAVE BEEN DENIED FOR SOMETHING SO INNOCENT.
INDEED. I'VE BEEN DENIED ENTRY SIMPLY TO ASK FOR DIVINE HELP FOR MY FAMILY.
HAD HE SIMPLY WRITTEN TO MYSELF OR ANY OF US, I'M SURE WE WOULD HAVE-
PLEASE, COUNCILLORS. AS WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE MOMENT, I'LL ADDRESS THE CRIME I AM ACCUSED OF.
IT WAS SIMPLE. ENTER THE TEMPLE, AND TAKE READINGS OF THE EMERALD FOR FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF MY GRANDFATHER'S RESEARCH, AS MOST OF HIS WORK WAS BASED ON UTILIZING ITS ENERGY IN VARIOUS WAYS.
THE READINGS I ACQUIRED WERE MORE NUMEROUS THAN I INITIALLY SUSPECTED, BUT I HAD GOTTEN WHAT I CAME FOR.

I SET THE BOT ON AUTOPILOT WHILST I RESUMED MY WORK. LATER I FOUND IT HAD CRASHED THROUGH MY WINDOW.

I NEVER SET FOOT IN THE TEMPLE ITSELF, BUT NOTHING IN THE LAW STATES I COULDN'T OBSERVE THE TEMPLE WITH A REMOTE CAMERA.

FINALLY, A CONFESSION. HE ADMITS TO IT!

FROM HIS TESTIMONY, HE DIDN'T BREAK THE LAW, EVEN IF TECHNICALLY.

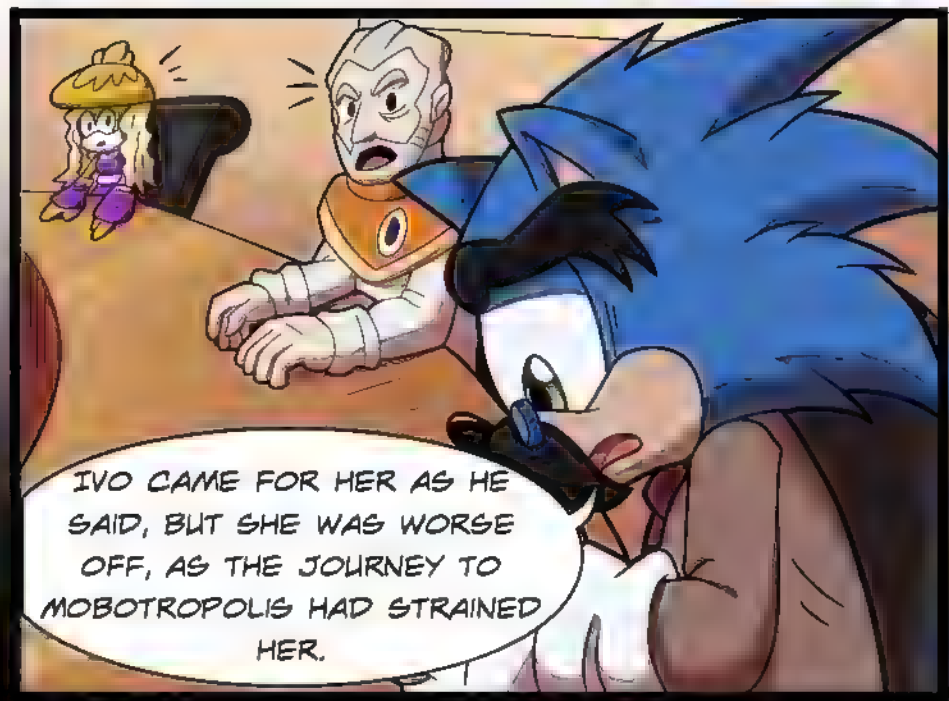
'TECHNICALLY', ISN'T THE POINT!

WERE YOU AWARE OF NICOLE'S PREDICAMENT?

NO, I WASN'T.

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES PROVIDED, I'M WILLING TO PUT FORWARD A PARDON FOR DR. ROBOTNIK'S CRIME, CONSIDERING THE LIFE OF A CHILD HUNG IN THE BALANCE BECAUSE OF IT.

WHAT DO WE KNOW OF NICOLE'S STATE RIGHT NOW?


IVO CAME FOR HER AS HE SAID, BUT SHE WAS WORSE OFF, AS THE JOURNEY TO MOBOTROPOLIS HAD STRAINED HER.

HOSPITAL, TWO DAYS AGO...
I'M SORRY, THERE'S NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO.
PROFESSOR, WHERE IS HE?

CHARLES, IT'S FINALLY TIME!
IVO!?

DOCTOR?
I'M CUTTING IT VERY CLOSE, BUT I'VE CONSTRUCTED A DEVICE THAT WILL EXTEND HER LIFE, AT LEAST UNTIL I CAN COMPLETE MY RESEARCH.
PLEASE, WHATEVER YOU CAN DO!
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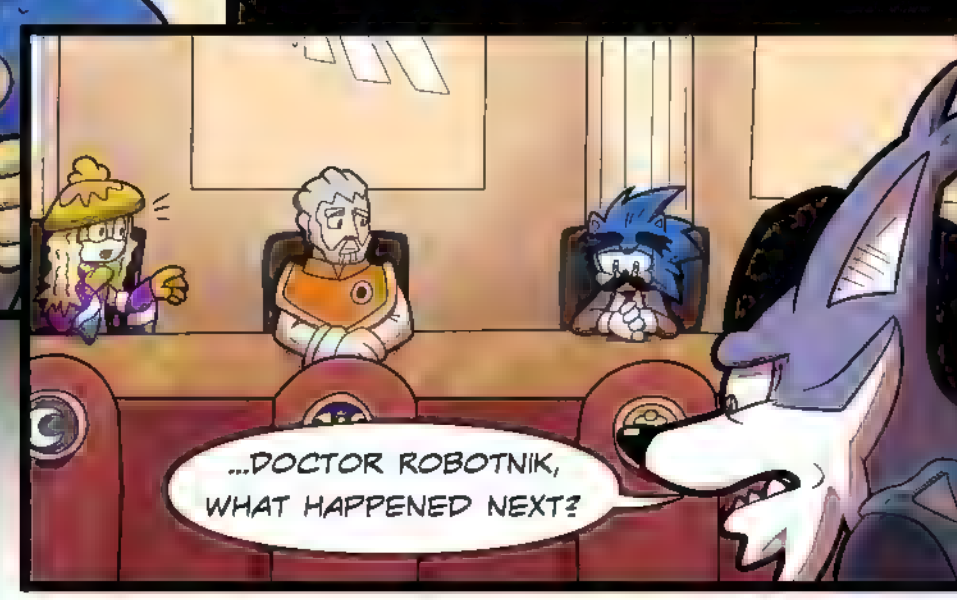
WHERE WERE YOU, IVO? NICOLE WAS ASKING FOR YOU!
I'M SORRY! I HAD TO GET INTO THE GAIA TEMPLE THROUGH OTHER MEANS.
...ARE YOU IN TROUBLE, IVO?


...DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

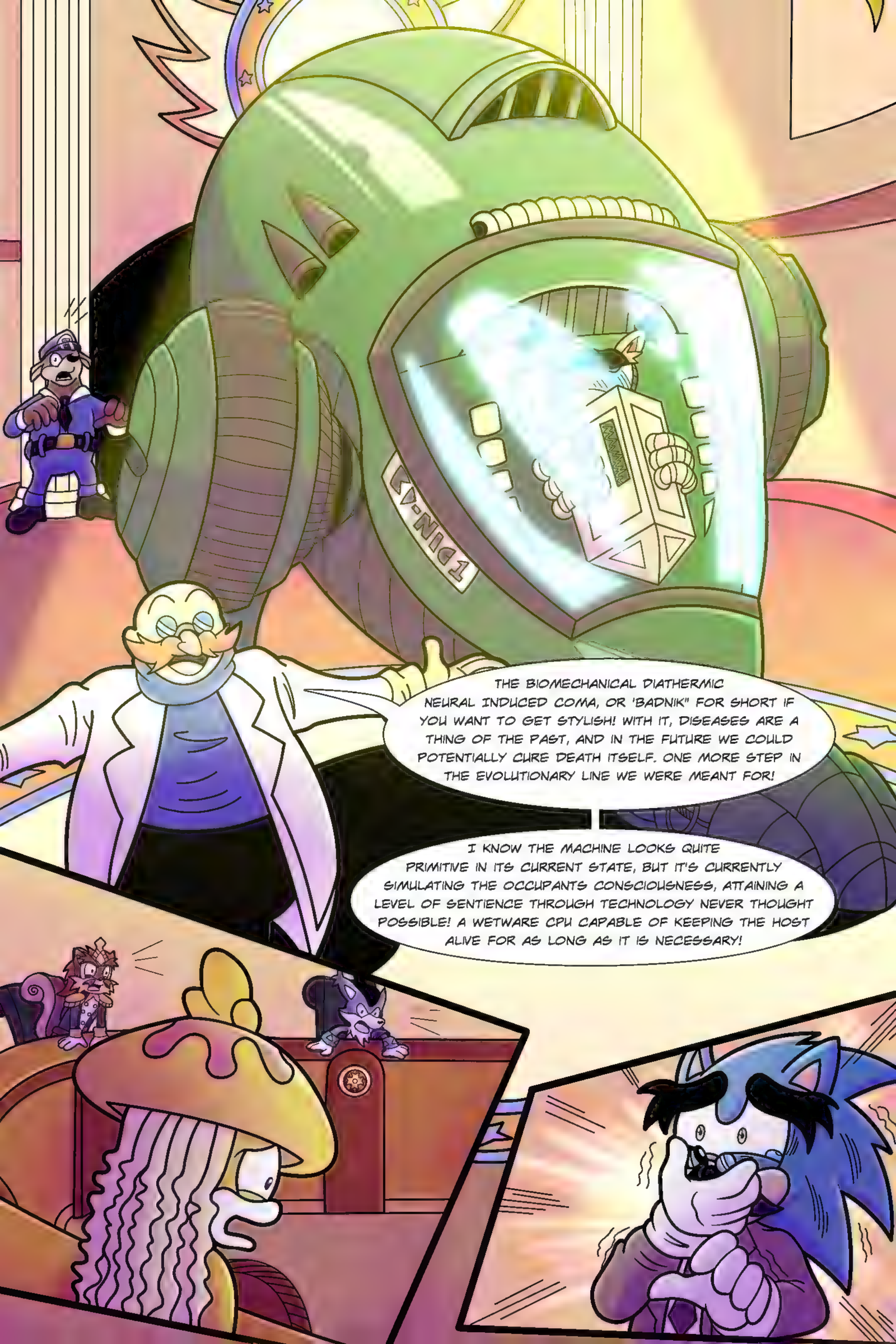
HOSPITAL OPERATING ROOM.
ONE DAY AGO...

...WHEN IT'S ALL DONE, YOU'LL COME OUT FEELING BRAND NEW.

HAHA, YES, I SUPPOSE YOU COULD CONSIDER THIS A NEW CHAPTER IN YOUR OWN BOOK.

BRAND NEW? LIKE... WHEN YOU OPEN A NEW BOOK?

I'M SORRY, THE MEMORY IS QUITE EMOTIONAL..
THE EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE WAS A SUCCESS!
THAT'S EXCELLENT NEWS! WHEN CAN WE EXPECT AN UPDATE?
IT WORKED?!
OH, GAIA BLESS!
I CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!


THE BIOMECHANICAL DIATHERMIC NEURAL INDUCED COMA, OR 'BADNIK" FOR SHORT IF YOU WANT TO GET STYLISH! WITH IT, DISEASES ARE A THING OF THE PAST, AND IN THE FUTURE WE COULD POTENTIALLY CURE DEATH ITSELF. ONE MORE STEP IN THE EVOLUTIONARY LINE WE WERE MEANT FOR!
I KNOW THE MACHINE LOOKS QUITE PRIMITIVE IN ITS CURRENT STATE, BUT IT'S CURRENTLY SIMULATING THE OCCUPANTS CONSCIOUSNESS, ATTAINING A LEVEL OF SENTIENCE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY NEVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE! A WETWARE CPU CAPABLE OF KEEPING THE HOST ALIVE FOR AS LONG AS IT IS NECESSARY!

W-WHY IS EVERYONE SO QUIET--
SHE'S JUST A CHILD!
I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK!
ENOUGH!
KNEW HE COULDN'T BE TRUSTED!
YOU ARE GUILTY OF TAMPERING WITH LIFE AND TRESPASSING UPON HOLY GROUND BY PROXY REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU INTENDED. YOU DIDN'T HAVE YOUR MACHINE PROPERLY ANALYZED BY THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.
YOUR PRIOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE RECOGNIZED BUT YOU ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED TO PRACTICE INDEPENDENTLY WITHIN WEST ISLAND'S BORDERS! YOUR NAME IS TO BE BLACKLISTED FROM ALL INDEPENDENT FUTURE PROJECTS WITHOUT EXPRESSED APPROVAL!
WAIT, WAIT A SECOND!

GUARDS, REMOVE ROBOTNIK FROM THE BUILDING!

NO! THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING! I'M TRYING TO SAVE PEOPLE!

...CHUCK, I DON'T WISH TO FURTHER DRIVE THE KNIFE INTO THE WOUND, BUT YOU DID SPONSOR HIM.

I HAD FAITH HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING...

BE THAT AS IT MAY, YOU ARE STILL INVOLVED. I CANNOT LET THAT SLIDE BY. GIVEN YOUR PEDIGREE WITH THE UNIVERSITY, YOU WILL BE SHOWN LENIENCY REGARDING YOUR TENURE.

YOU WILL NOT BE SEVERELY PUNISHED, BUT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIM.

YOU MAY CONTINUE TO WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY THAT YOU TEACH AT, BUT YOU WILL NEVER PRACTICE ANY OF ROBOTNIK'S WORK THAT HAS TO DO WITH THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY. EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WAS APPROVED IS FINE.
...I UNDERSTAND.
THEN THIS COUNCIL IS ADJOURNED.

THE ROYAL PALACE.

MON AMOUR? IS SALLY?

YES, DEAR. TODAY HAS GIVEN ME A NEW PERSPECTIVE.

SOLEANNA, THE PALACE.

THESE WILL BE GOOD FOR OUR OWN PROJECTS.

CONFIDENTIAL
Research Assets
(I.R.)

LIBERICA GAIA TEMPLE.

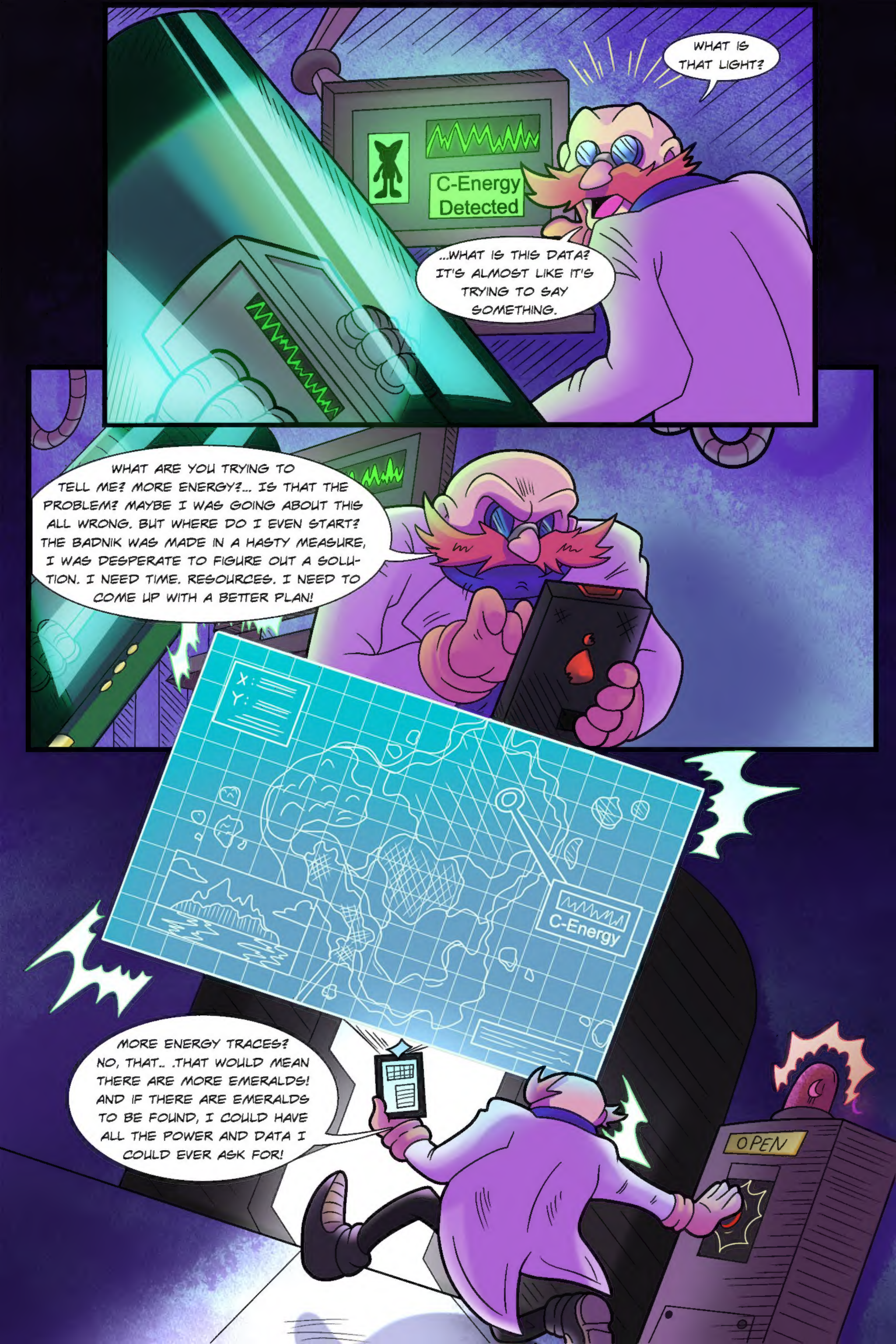
ARE YOU OKAY, FATHER?

I'M FINE, LUPE. COME, WE MUST CONTINUE YOUR TRAINING.

ROBOTNIK'S SECONDARY LABORATORY, WESTSIDE ISLAND MOUNTAINS.

I WAS ONLY TRYING TO SAVE HER. WHY COULDN'T THEY SEE THAT?

I WOULD NEVER...


WHAT IS THAT LIGHT?
C-Energy Detected
...WHAT IS THIS DATA? IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT'S TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING.
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME? MORE ENERGY?... IS THAT THE PROBLEM? MAYBE I WAS GOING ABOUT THIS ALL WRONG. BUT WHERE DO I EVEN START? THE BADNIK WAS MADE IN A HASTY MEASURE, I WAS DESPERATE TO FIGURE OUT A SOLUTION. I NEED TIME. RESOURCES. I NEED TO COME UP WITH A BETTER PLAN!
X:
Y:
C-Energy
MORE ENERGY TRACES? NO, THAT.. .THAT WOULD MEAN THERE ARE MORE EMERALDS! AND IF THERE ARE EMERALDS TO BE FOUND, I COULD HAVE ALL THE POWER AND DATA I COULD EVER ASK FOR!
OPEN

I CAN BUILD MORE ROBOTS WITH THE TRACKING SOFTWARE TO DETECT CHAOS EMERALDS, AND WITH ONE OR TWO, I CAN POWER MY RESEARCH FULLY! I CAN SHOW THE COUNCIL THEY WERE HASTY IN THEIR JUDGEMENT! I'LL BE ABLE TO SHOW THEM JUST WHAT THE BADNIK IS CAPABLE OF, AND WHAT I CAN DO WITH THIS KIND OF POWER!
DON'T YOU WORRY NICOLE! YOUR SACRIFICE WILL NOT HAVE BEEN FOR NOTHING! THE WORLD WILL KNOW TRUE UTOPIA WHEN I'M DONE WITH IT!
DEFEATED BY HIS OWN AMBITIONS, DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK HAS A WAY TO FALL, AND THINGS CAN ONLY GET WORSE FROM HERE. NONE OF THEM KNOW IT YET, BUT TODAY'S EVENTS HAVE SET FORTH A GRAND SCHEME IN MOTION. THE MOMENTUM OF WHICH WILL IRREVOCABLY CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY, AND CHANGE EVERYONE'S LIVES... FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE.

From the Team

"Oh my God, it's finally done." - CelestOrion

"All this chicken scratch" - Red Rabbit

"Yes, I made Robotnik a good guy from the start. Yes, I am responsible for Nicole's fate. Yes, I-wait, how are these good things?"
- Time8th

"I shall perform a speed." - VanessaSonica

"This issue has been long in the making, so I hope you all enjoy Eggman's day in the limelight!"
- Enigma

"The various leaders of the world putting aside their differences to try and save an innocent life? Now you KNOW this is fiction." - SonicWindAttack

"I've got a trunk full of medicine and a head full of empty. Beer for suntanning and mint gum for when I'm feeling especially heinous. Quality? I hardly knew her." - Ninebreaker

"This issue marks my final work on Legacy, so hopefully it's seen as a decent enough bang to go out on. A lot of blood, sweat, and pencil leads went into this, and I couldn't have done it without the rest of the team. Many thanks to Time8th for giving me one heck of an emotional roller coaster to put to paper!" - SeaSalt

"Honestly this issue was really rough to get out. I struggled a lot. I think we all did. But we got through it, so i also believe this issue brought us closer as a team in more ways than one." - Veeloopz

"I like to buy a quote, please." - UrsineTimes

"Gran asked me to join this project at the worst time possible, but I'm happy I did anyway so I could watch this issue bloom!" - Nowy

"This issue has been a challenge to work on. A lot of ups and downs, back tracking you name it. You will notice a lot of people had helped out with this issue. I can't thank them all enough for there hard work, support and just a lot of helping each other out when someone is struggling. Enjoy reading."
- SweetShadow

"Hats off to the talent that went in to this issue. They're an outstanding bunch!" - MrZero101

"I suck at quotes, gonna steal one from the internet."
- Vintage Japes

"Two years later, and this issue finally makes its way into the light! The journey was far longer than anyone anticipated, but we're glad to finally have this issue out of the way so that we can focus our efforts onto newer material! We hope you enjoy reading it!

- Sonic Legacy

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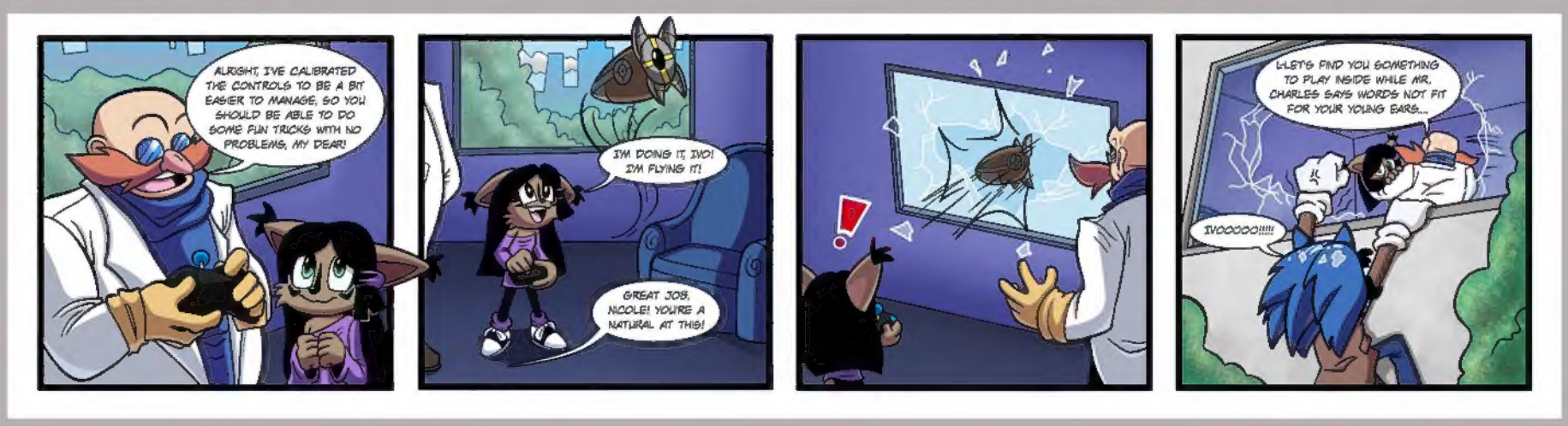
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